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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.
Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language French document.

1. FR 1 541 693 A discloses 10 Figs. and appears to be the counterpart of U.S. Patent 3,373,710 and AU 21 982/67.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

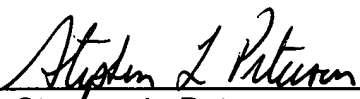
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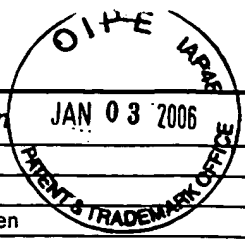
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
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		DR. PETER VAN OOSSANEN, The Development of the 12 Meter Class Yacht "Australia II," The Seventh Cheasapeake Sailing Yacht Symposium, 1985, pages 81-101.	Yes

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